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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES FROM DANANG AND NHA
TRANG

1. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PRESS INTEREST HERE IN THE EVACUA-
TION OF VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT FROM
DANANG AND NHA TRANG. THERE IS IMPLICATION IN SOME OF THE
PRESS QUERIES THAT THE USG DID NOT DO ENOUGH TO EFFECT
EVACUATION OF THESE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE HAVE
TOLD THE PRESS THAT, WHILE OUR REPORTS ARE INCOMPLETE, OUR
IMPRESSION IS THAT EVERY EFFORT, THAT COULD HAVE BEEN MADE
IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WAS MADE TO EVACUATE THESE PERSONNEL.

2. WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE BRIEF EMBASSY COMMENT, BASED ON
REPORTS BY FRANCIS AND SPEAR, CONCERNING THESE EVACUATION
EFFORTS. IF PRECISE ACCOUNTING IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS
TIME, COULD EMBASSY PROVIDE AT LEAST ROUGH ESTIMATE OF PER-
CENTAGE OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES WHO WERE ABLE TO
GET OUT. KISSINGER

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